

WIND, HAIL AND RAIN

The Worst Tempest That
Ever Visited Iola Swept
the Town Wednesday

SEVERAL FACTORIES HURT

Old Nicholson Smelter and Aurora
Foundry Half Destroyed—Many
Narrow Escapes.

A wind storm that was a tempest, a rain that was a cloud burst, a hail storm that was fierce and continuous, swept over Iola about 7 o'clock last evening, breaking trees, riddling shrubbery, flooding buildings and doing thousands of dollars of damage to the old Nicholson smelter and the Aurora Foundry, incidentally tying up the street car line and upsetting two Katy cars. Old timers say that never in their experience did they see a more furious assault of the elements.

In the afternoon a greenish cloud that looked dangerous came up in the north-west, but it veered to the east and did not touch the town. Just before darkness fell in the evening a black cloud appeared from the same quarter, but nobody looked for what happened. A stiff breeze preceded the storm and about the time everyone thought the rain would begin falling and the wind drop, the fury of the tempest was but developing.

The wind increased to a terrible force, bending trees to the ground, dashing the rain and hail against buildings with a power that seemed to threaten to tear down the walls. In a minute the gutters were running full from the rain, which seemed a cloud burst. The hail was not larger than bullets but it fell for several minutes and was swept into winrows beside buildings. Every door and window on the north side of houses was searched out by the storm and water flowed indoors. The storm lasted fifteen or twenty minutes, but it seemed to the anxious people as if it was an hour.

When the uproar somewhat ceased, the hail no longer falling and the wind abating, people crept out of doors and found their shrubbery beaten into shreds, flower plants ruined, vines whipped and leaves, shade trees split and branches lopped off, a wreck of leaves scattered over their lawns. A fusillade of bullets would not more completely have stripped the vegetation.

Over this scene of wreck and devastation, as darkness began to settle, the wind carried the long distress whistle from the factories east of town. A locomotive in the same neighborhood took up the alarm and the doleful duet made people's flesh creep over the unknown havoc which the alarm announced to have been wrought east of town.

Men dressed for mud and water and hurried to East Iola. All the way the walks were flooded and the trees were broken. On East Madison avenue a milk wagon, caught on its rounds by the storm, was turned upside down. The team had run away when the downpour of hail began.

THE WRECK IN EAST IOLA.

The very center of all the wreckage, however, was at the crossing of the Missouri Pacific and street railway. A flying roof from the Aurora Foundry had come down there, bearing to the street the trolley wire, the supporting wires and the poles, together with a string of telephone wires. This mass of electrified wire completely filled the street, blocking the east bound evening Missouri Pacific passenger train for half an hour. The wires were cut and the train slowly made its way out of the wreck and to the east.

A piece of the same roof which went a little farther, dashed in the side of the office and shed of Harry Thomas's lumber yard. The shed was wrecked for forty feet.

Of the four buildings of the Aurora Foundry, two were nearly destroyed. The north-east building, a new one, occupied as a pattern room, was totally wrecked, the brick walls being torn down and the roof carried away. The west wall and part of the north wall of the machine shop, the large new building at the west of the plant, were also torn down. Several men were at work in the shop when the crash came. D. C. Willman was the only one who was injured. He was hit on the shoulder by falling brick and his shoulder fractured. He was carried to the hotel nearby and Drs. Dresbach and Willey summoned.

At the Iola Brick plant the frame roofs over the kilns were all carried away, but no other damage done.

The acid works escaped injury, although the long, high buildings seemed to invite destruction from the tempest. Several panes of glass were broken in the office building and that was all.

SMELTER NEARLY RUINED.

The old Nicholson smelter, now owned by the New Jersey Zinc Company, suffered worst of all. Three of the five furnace blocks were destroyed. The furnace stood in a row on the

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north side of the plant and were numbered from the west. In the west building (Nos. 1 and 2) nothing was left but the iron and brick of the furnace itself, nearly all of the frame building over it having been torn away and the double chimney knocked down on top of the furnace. Nos. 3 and 4, shut down for repairs, were untouched. The one unburnt, live block was 5 and 6, which is still in operation. The next two blocks to the east were unroofed, and the north sides of the building knocked down. The blow pipes were all wrecked and with the blast shut off, there was something uncanny about the multi-colored flames issuing from the retorts while the rain poured down upon them. It was this rain which alone prevented the plants destruction by fire, for the flames caught in the wreckage of one of the blocks.

Some idea of the force of the wind may be had from one trick it played at this plant. On a siding were four freight cars, with their end to the storm. Three were empty and the fourth was loaded with 40,000 pounds of spelter. The wind pushed this string of cars up a decided grade for fifty feet or more.

Just east of the Nicholson plant stands the old A. J. McCauley house. A piece of flying roof from one of the smelter furnaces was dashed against the side of the house, caving it in. The old barn, just north-east of the house also went down before the wind and part of it was dashed against the house, wrecking the kitchen. Three families, ten people in all, occupied the house, but all escaped injury.

A wagon load of wreck from the barn blew out on the street car track, falling with a crash about fifty feet in front of a street car which was approaching from the east. The car was stopped without injury, but is still there, the power being shut off soon afterward.

The poles of the electric line were pulled out of plumb by the storm and considerable work will have to be done along the line before traffic can be resumed.

One of the tricks of the storm, which brings home most forcibly the fierceness of the gale, was the overturning of two passenger coaches attached to the rear of a Katy freight train passing north of the Nicholson smelter. The train was on the main line and the two long, heavy coaches were turned on their side on the siding to the south. Several people are said to have been in the cars but none were seriously hurt. Strangely enough the string of empty box cars was not upset.

THE DAMAGE DOWN TOWN.

The storm in the business district did little damage other than beating into the stores on the south side, flooding the floors and cellars. The wind was blocked by the row of buildings and whipped back and forth. Empty drygoods boxes were rolled back and forth along the street. Steyer's grocery sprung a leak in the roof and a flood of water descended into the store, doing considerable damage to the stock. The new Stevenson building is not equipped with a finished roof and the damage done to the Landis millinery stock was considerable. It seems incredible that every pane of glass was not broken but none, save here and there a small pane, was hurt. A flood of water filled the streets and flowed several inches deep over the crossings.

Coon Creek left its banks and became in fifteen minutes a rushing torrent of water that could shame any rivers. Aside from washing out some sidewalk and flooding several houses it did no damage.

Dead birds have been picked up all over town. In the court house yard it is said several hundred dead English sparrows were found. They had their homes in the walls of the old court house for which they were driven by the rain only to be beaten to death by the hail.

and broken and the streets were strewn with leaves and branches.

AT THE CEMENT PLANT.

The storm was unable to do any damage to the steel buildings of the cement plant, but the flood of water filled the quarry and the rain was driven into the buildings at several places. The quarries will be idle for several days and it is estimated that the damage done in one way or another will amount to \$10,000. Water reached the elevator pits and the belt conveyors, and these will have to be cleaned out before work can proceed. Work will be suspended for several days and it will be several weeks before the plant is again running at full blast.

The Lanyon Zinc Company's plant was not injured. The roof was blown off the water tank near the railroad crossing, but that does not amount to much.

AT GAS CITY AND LA HARPE.

At Gas City the storm was severe but less so than in Iola. The two new furnace blocks being erected at the smelter south of the railroad, owned by the New Jersey Zinc Company, were blown down. The loss is chiefly the frame sheds. Upon town it is said one dwelling was blown over. The home of William Jameson, on north McRae street, was struck by lightning and the roof torn up. The family was away from home and the lightning luckily did not set fire to the house.

Out at La Harpe the storm did no damage. No hail fell there and the wind only blew down the bowling alley tent.

DAMAGE TO THE CROPS

A traveling man reports that the storm did considerable damage at Colony and followed the railroad south to Iola; the sweep of the destructive center being about a mile wide. Corn is laid flat on the ground and the leaves are completely whipped off. East of Iola this side of La Harpe most of the corn is standing, the wind having been lighter and no hail falling.

A residence in East Iola, south of the acid works was blown off its foundations. It was a two story frame building, but the owners name could not be learned. Numerous out-buildings were upset.

THE WRECK ON THE KATY

Harrowing Experience and Wonderful Escape of the Eight Passengers in the Overturned Car.

The wreck on the Katy north of the Nicholson smelter Wednesday, barely missed being a fatal affair for the eight passengers in the coach. The train was the regular evening mixed train which runs to Moran. In East Iola the train stopped and the engine went on east to pick up some cars off the cement switch. In this way the passenger and express coaches were left alone on the prairie. And there the storm caught them.

Fred Mullens was the only trainman in the overturned cars, and he was at his work in the express car. In the passenger coach were Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Morgan, of Savonburg; Mrs. Doran, an aged lady; Mrs. Salisbury and daughter, of Emporia; J. H. Woodin and wife of Leroy and their grand-daughter, Lela Sharbraw, of Leroy. The only one seriously hurt was Mr. Morgan, who is 86 years old. When the coach upset he fell against a hat rack and sustained a severe bruise on his side and shoulder blade. Nearly everyone in the coach was bruised, but none of the hurts was at all serious.

A REGISTER reporter found the Morgans at the Nichols hotel this morning and learned the facts. As stated, the car was standing on the prairie when the storm came. It was right in the tract of the severest wind. The rain beat into the coach and rocked it back and forth. There was no gust or twist but the gale increased and slowly but firmly picked the coach up and turned it on its side. Everybody slid across to the bottom.

This happened about 7 o'clock and there the passengers remained, imprisoned in the dark, water continually dripping into the car, until 11 o'clock and hurried to town for help. It was nearly midnight when a train crew arrived and a cab for the passengers. They were taken out and brought to town. All but the Morgans continued on their journey this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have lived at Savonburg about four years. He is an old soldier and they attended the reunion here yesterday, leaving for home on account of the dampness. Mrs. Doran is an old lady who has been visiting them for several months. Mrs. Salisbury and daughter were en route from Emporia to Moran where the daughter expected to secure a place in the schools. Mr. and Mrs. Woodin of Leroy were going to La Harpe to visit a son.

Dr. Fulton reports the old gentleman injured in the Katy wreck to be in a very serious condition.

That several were not seriously hurt seems almost miraculous.

Picked up After the Storm.

It is certainly hard luck for the street car line. Were the line in operation two-thirds of Iola would have taken the trip to view the wreck Thursday.

On of the passengers on the east bound Pacific train Wednesday was the president of the Aurora Foundry company. When the train was stopped by the wreck of the roof of one of his buildings he got off and remained in town. He says he has been burned out four or five times and now the wind has started in on him.

A pane of glass 30 by 40 was blown in the front of the Yeager grocery in East Iola. It fell on a show case, smashing it. A clerk standing near threw up his trembling hands and was heard to moan: "The house is going! The house is going."

Somebody drove a horse and buggy into the tangle of wire and tin roofing near the Iola crossing last night. In the darkness the horse became entangled in the wires, the buggy rumbled over the tin and the driver walked, untied the wires knots and cussed.

In Wednesday's REGISTER appeared this ad: "The old frame house just east of Nicholson's smelter must be moved at once. For particulars inquire at Northrup Bank." The house was moved. It was the old McCauley house. Now people are asking what kind of an advertising medium the REGISTER is.

The storm is certain to have done considerable damage to crops. The small grain is out of the way, but corn must have been blown down, the stalks beaten and riddled by the hail and possibly the ears wrenched off the stalks.

One of the worst wrecks in town were the two mammoth "elephants' ears" which adorned the lawn of Mike Miller and were the envy of the whole neighborhood. Only a few bruised stalks were left to indicate where the handsome plants stood. All over town housewives are mourning their flowers and vines.

Making the Grand Rounds

The editor of the REGISTER seldom permits the publication in these columns of a compliment to himself, but the following from the Osawatomie Graphic is so far out of the usual line that he feels sure the readers of this paper will be interested in it. The Graphic says:

The Masonic lodge at this place held a lodge sorrow last fall in memory of the dead of that order, and especially commemorative of their brother, William McKinley. Hon. Chas. F. Scott delivered the memorial address, which was printed in full by the Graphic. Charles S. Bixby sent copies of the paper to some of his Masonic correspondents, and has received a complimentary notice from the editor of the Indian Freeman published in Calcutta. This was some months ago. Later, he received a letter from an officer of the British army stationed at Harrismith, South Africa, thanking him for the paper and saying he had read the speech to his comrades in the camp and that they all thought it a great speech and worthy of the great man in whose memory it was delivered. Last week he received another letter from a correspondent in New Zealand, who said that he had read the speech before the lodge at that place, and he also spoke in very high terms of it. And next we expect he will hear from his correspondents at Bulawayo, Rhodesia, or at Mandelay, or at Rangoon or Hong Kong, for he has them all around the world. And they will all say about the same thing concerning Mr. Scott's speech. It was a great speech.

PLENTY OF TROOPS

Chaffee Has all He Needs in Campaign Against Moros.

Manila, Aug. 19.—There has been no developments today in the Moro situation on the island of Mindanao. General Chaffee was expected to reach Cebu on the army transport Ingalls this morning, but the vessel's arrival at that port has not yet been reported. It is possible that General Chaffee has decided to shorten his trip to the southern islands and return to Manila direct. An order received from the war department at Washington, leaving action in the Moro situation to General Chaffee's discretion, has been transmitted to him in the south, but has probably not yet reached him.

It is believed here that General Chaffee will increase the American forces in Mindanao and issue an ultimatum to the hostile Moros. There are at present 27,000 American troops in the Philippine islands, a goodly portion of which could be spared for active service.

Captain John J. Pershing, of the Fifteenth cavalry, who is in command of the American column at Lanna, Mindanao, has reported a fierce Moro intertribal fight near Camp Vickers, Mindanao. The contending factions met at Wedding. Thirty-five men were killed outright, and many others were wounded. No Americans were concerned in the trouble.

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GAS AT EUREKA

Council Grants Franchise to Company Which Struck Gas Recently.

Eureka, Kas., Aug. 19.—The city council has granted the Eureka Gas and Mineral Company an absolute franchise for a term of twenty years. The franchise was granted only after a hard fight, which has been in progress since gas was found here ten days ago. A strong flow of gas has been found here at a depth of 380 feet, the well cased and temporarily plugged, until the gas from the present well can be used in the drilling of a second well, which will be sunk in a few days. It is probable that four wells will be sunk this summer. The town people are jubilant and the gas will be piped into town before winter. At present this is the only gas well in Greenwood county. The business men at Severy and Madison, however, are interested in Eureka's find and will sink prospect holes.

"SO HAPPY TO GET BACK"

Duchess of Marlborough, Consuelo Vanderbilt, is Glad to See Us.

New York, Aug. 20.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt, who arrived in New York yesterday evening, said at the pier: "I am greatly delighted to be again in America. My thoughts have been here at least one-half the time since I left. There is no place like America, especially New York. England is my home and it is very delightful, but I have been looking forward with longing to this visit for at least five years."

"Oh, it's perfectly grand to be back again," she said to Mr. Vanderbilt who stood at her side. "I am so happy to get back again." The big buildings which have been erected since she left were pointed out to her by Mr. Vanderbilt.

Mrs. Herman Oelrichs was the first to greet the Duchess on the pier. She had come down to meet her sister, Mrs. Vanderbilt. The Duchess was so anxious to land she skipped lightly down the gang plank to the pier and threw her arms about Mrs. Oelrichs' neck. The Duchess went to the Waldorf where she will remain for a few days, going thence to Newport and from there to Hempstead. Because of social engagements she must be back in London by October 1. She was light-hearted and romped about the decks, besides being one of the leading spirits in organizing entertainments aboard.

After the first day out she visited the steerage passengers and distributed a large sum of money among them.

STILL GROPING

Chicago Police as Much in the Dark as Ever Regarding Bartholin Mystery.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—After an investigation by the Chicago police extending over a fortnight, and a two days' coroner's inquest, the authorities are still in doubt whether the body of the murdered woman found in the field at Seventy-fourth and State streets was really that of Minnie Mitchell. Three men stand accused of complicity in her death and that of Mrs. Alice Bartholin and are held in heavy bonds to the grand jury.

Yet Patrolman Watson, who found the body, could not tell its sex because of its advanced stage of decomposition. Coroner's Physician Stringer stated that the body must have lain ten or twelve weeks before the brain could have been absorbed, and that had quicklime been used by the murderer, as conjectured, maggots would not have entered the body, as was the case. Even the coroner's jury, when it rendered a verdict today recommending that Oscar Thompson, Edward Counselman and John Claffay be held to explain the death, stated only that the body was supposed to

dead body, however, were identified by the Mitchell family, and a week ago the body was buried as Minnie Mitchell by relatives of the girl, who has been missing since July 30, and who was last seen in the company of her sweetheart, William J. Bartholin. Two witnesses, Lieutenant Healy and W. M. Allen, testified that Counselman, the intimate friend of Bartholin, had told them the fugitive wanted money with which to pay for a surgical operation on the Mitchell girl at a North side hospital.

With this conflicting testimony to hinder them, the police are almost stalled in their search for William Bartholin, whom the coroner's jury recommended to be apprehended.

AS USUAL, HE DODGED IT

Craddock Promised to Meet Bailey at Cawker City, but Didn't.

Cawker City, Kas., Aug. 20.—W. H. Craddock broke his date to meet W. J. Bailey here and the people are gnashing their teeth. Bailey was here and spoke. The debate was to have been given under the auspices of the Cawker City Chautauqua. The management had received assurances that both Craddock and Bailey would be here. In order to show his good faith in advertising Craddock, the president took the platform and to the multitude assembled read letters from Craddock and his political manager, Hugh Farrelly, stating that Craddock would be here.

Topeka, Aug. 20.—It was known here sometime ago that Craddock would not fill the Cawker City date and the fact was published in The Journal. Craddock's press agent says it has been determined at Democratic headquarters that Craddock shall evade any joint debates with Bailey during the campaign.

SCHWAB SAILS

He Says He is not as Sick as Has Been Reported.

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.
New York, Aug. 21.—Charles M. Schwab sailed for Europe this morning. He said he could not say when he would return, adding that he was not as sick as reported. He said he did not intend to form a European steel trust. Schwab was unaccompanied.

WORK OF CHOLERA

Fortnightly Report Shows Thirty-five Soldiers Have Succumbed.

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.
Washington, Aug. 20.—Asiatic cholera continues to reap victims from the American army in the Philippines. A report from General Chaffee today announces that between June 25th and July 19 there were thirty-five deaths from the disease among the enlisted men.

ALGER IS A CANDIDATE

Former Secretary of War Will Try to be Senator From Michigan.

Detroit, Aug. 20.—General R. A. Alger, formerly secretary of war, announced himself today as a candidate for United States senator to succeed the late Senator James McMillan. He is preparing a formal announcement which will be given out later.

WASHERY STARTED

Strikers Gathered in Large Numbers but Did not Interfere.

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.
Dury, Pa., Aug. 21.—The washery of the Warnke brothers colliery resumed operations this morning. Strikers gathered in large numbers about the place but there was no trouble. Armed guards are stationed within wire barricade.

E. H. Love